

*Abstract of the Disclosure*

An interruptible power supply module, located at a customer's premise, functions to reduce the demand on a power utility company. As a power utility senses a critical power supply demand situation, it sends an "interrupt power" control signal through an  
5 alternative communications network (a telecommunications network, for example), to each subscribing customer. Upon receipt of the "interrupt" control signal, a switch is activated in the customer's interruptible power supply module to remove a pre-defined "interruptible" load for a predetermined period of time (perhaps not to exceed 15 minutes in any hour). The module may also be used to "gracefully" add interruptible loads back  
10 onto the system after a complete power outage.

The following is a summary of the disclosure: